

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

Technical Field

The present invention relates to a gas bag module.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

Background of the Invention

Gas bag modules are known which comprise a gas bag with a gas bag wall having a front wall serving as an impact surface for an occupant, where, in an inflated state of said gas bag, the front wall has a centric orifice as a transition to an indentation. The indentation is formed by restraining a center section during inflation and preventing the center section of the gas bag wall from moving freely.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

Summary of the Invention

This is achieved in a gas bag module comprising a gas bag with a gas bag wall having a front wall serving as an impact surface for an occupant, where, in an inflated state of said gas bag, the front wall has a centric orifice as a transition to an indentation. The indentation is formed by restraining a center section of said gas bag wall during inflation and preventing the center section from moving freely. The orifice is surrounded by a stabilizer defined by a closed ring in a region of the orifice, the stabilizer being a part separate

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from the gas bag wall. The stabilizer directly determines the size of the orifice and by its arrangement also the depth of the inflated gas bag. The size, the cross section and the diameter of the orifice are determined in the manufacture of the gas bag module on the basis of the shape and the arrangement of the stabilizer. The stabilizer is extending around the orifice in a circumferentially closed manner, i.e. it does not extend inside the gas bag.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

Brief Description of the Drawings

Further features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description of an exemplary embodiment in conjunction with the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 ~~The single figure~~ shows a schematic cross section through a gas bag module in accordance with the invention comprising a gas bag in a partly inflated state.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

Detailed Description of the Invention

The gas bag module 10 shown in Fig. 1 has a gas bag 12 which is defined by a gas bag wall which among other things comprises a front wall 14 and a rear wall 16. Inserted into the inside of the gas bag 12 through an inflation mouth 18 are a compressed gas source, e.g. a known pot-shaped gas generator 20, and a diffuser 22 surrounding the gas generator. The diffuser 22 can also be a cage or a similar component. The

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gas generator 20, the diffuser 22 and the rear wall 16 of the gas bag 12 are connected to each other in a conventional, known manner. An outflow opening 23 is provided in the rear wall 16 of the gas bag 12, through which gas can escape from the gas bag 12 upon the impact of the vehicle occupant on the gas bag 12.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

The orifice 30 is encircled by a ~~stabilizer 30~~ stabilizer 34, which forms a closed, continuous ring in the region of the orifice 30. The stabilizer 34 is e.g. a band or a fabric ring, however, it can also be a cord or a rubber band. The ~~stabilizer 30~~ stabilizer 34 is received in a channel 38 formed by a fabric strip 36 sewn to the front wall 14 in the region of the orifice 30 and is displaceably arranged relative to the walls of the channel 38. The channel 38 can be completely closed or partly open. The shape, the diameter and the position of the stabilizer 34 determine the shape and the diameter of the orifice 30 as well as the depth of the indentation 28.

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